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#### 1. New papers authored by members

- David Bartram (The University of Leicester, UK) published:
    - a). David Bartram. 2021. “Sexual orientation and life satisfaction.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Sociology*. DOI: [10.1177/14407833211017672](https://doi.org/10.1177/14407833211017672).
    - b). David Bartram. 2021. “Cross-sectional model-building for research on subjective well-being: gaining clarity on control variables”, forthcoming in *Social Indicators Research*. DOI: [10.1007/s11205-020-02586-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-020-02586-3).
  - Ming-Chang Tsai (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) recently published:
    - a). Ming-Chang Tsai, 2021. Kin, Friend and Community Social Capital: Effects on Well-being and Prospective Life Conditions in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. *Social Indicators Research* 154, 489-510.
    - b). Ming-Chang Tsai. 2021. Will You (Still) Love Me Tomorrow: Pro-Americanism and the China Factor in Asia. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 49:21-30.
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- c). Ming-Chang Tsai. 2021. Prospective well-being, relative income and tolerance of inequality in Japan. In Alex C. Michalos (ed.) *The Pope of Happiness - A Festschrift for Ruut Veenhoven*, pp. 249-260. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature.
- d). Ruoh-Rong Yu and Ming-Chang Tsai. 2021. Retirement Timing and Post-retirement Employment in Taiwan. In Xinxin Ma (ed.) *Employment, Retirement and Lifestyle in Aging East Asia*, pp. 257-281. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

## 2. ISA RC 55: Business meeting minute



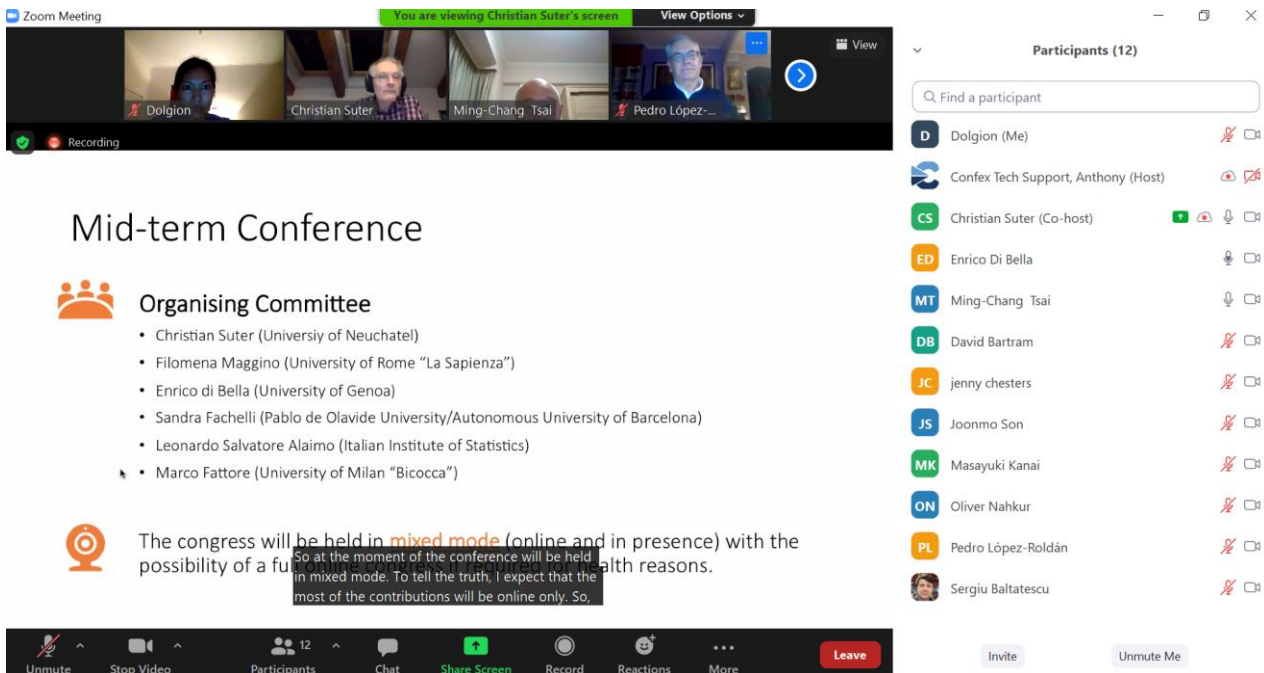
### ISA RC 55: Business meeting minute

24 February 2021, 16:00 -17:30 Porto Alegre time

#### Participants:

1. Christian Suter
2. Dolgion Aldar
3. Enrico Di Bella
4. Ming-Chang Tsai
5. Sandra Fachelli
6. David Bartram
7. Jenny Chesters
8. Joonmo Son
9. Masayuki Kanai
10. Oliver Nakhur
11. Pedro Lopez-Roldan
12. Sergiu Baltatescu

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### Mid-term Conference



#### Organising Committee

- Christian Suter (University of Neuchatel)
- Filomena Maggino (University of Rome "La Sapienza")
- Enrico di Bella (University of Genoa)
- Sandra Fachelli (Pablo de Olavide University/Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- Leonardo Salvatore Alaimo (Italian Institute of Statistics)
- Marco Fattore (University of Milan "Bicocca")



The congress will be held in **mixed mode** (online and in presence) with the possibility of a full in mixed mode. To tell the truth, I expect that the most of the contributions will be online only. So,

## Welcome note

Done by Christian Suter.

## Presentations

### Finance

- Dolgion presented the current balance and additional request.
- Christian: the 980 euro we recently requested from ISA is in addition to the 1627 USD which is current balance.

### Newsletter

- Ming-Chang encouraged members to submit short essays, showcases and other related information to the newsletter.
- Christian congratulated Ming-Chang for initiating the Newsletter and for publishing it regularly twice a year

## Conferences

- **Valencia Conference (July 6-13, 2019)**
  - **Christian:** First time we had an experience of joining with major other conference. Special thanks to Sandra for initiating this idea and creating this kind of synergies. It set an example. The mid-term conference 2019 was entitled “Comparative Perspectives on Social Indicators”, and was held within the framework of the 13<sup>th</sup> Spanish Congress of Sociology, Valencia, July 6-13, 2019
  - **Sandra:** Provided information of the joining two events, it was a good experience. There have been 8 sessions and 41 paper presentations in the RC55 event.
  - Selected papers of the conference have been published in a special issue of *Social Indicators Research* (January 2021): Comparative Perspectives on Social Indicators (Editors: Sandra Fachelli and Pedro López Roldán)
  - In the wake of the Conference a special issue in *Social Indicators Research* on “Comparative Perspectives on Social Indicators” (Editors: Sandra Fachelli and Pedro López Roldán) was announced in order to publish selected papers of the conference; a body of evaluators has been established. This helps increasing RC 55 profile.
    - Received 13 articles, and revised the papers. Now the 13 papers will be published together in a special issue. All articles are published individually between November and March.
- **Mid-term Conference in Florence**
  - **Christian:** If this happens, it will be the first time RC55 organized two mid-term conferences between the World Congresses.
  - **Enrico:** There is a lot of activity happening at RC55, thank you. This mid-term Conference was designed before the pandemic. Planning to conduct a remote mid-term conference on the topic of Indicators of Social Sustainability and Wellbeing, online from 22-24 April, 2021. We have a physical location, but it’ll be mostly virtual and to some extent mixed-mode.
    - This conference is co-joint with Italian Congress of Quality of Life. It creates synergies and provides opportunities for RC55 to widen membership.

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- The conference is free for RC55 participants.
  - There are no real expenses for RC55 saving because most costs already covered by the Conference, mostly for publication and abstracts.
  - To include younger researchers would be a good opportunity.
  - Sustainability Special Issue: already received 5 papers and rejected 4. It is not easy to publish, the review is quick. As the journal is open access, there is a fee. If RC55 members are interested in this special issue, please reach out to any of the editors regarding information about discount. The deadline for the manuscript transcription is 31<sup>st</sup> of May – but considering moving it to end of June.
  - For non RC55 members, what would be the cost? If this person is close to RC55 activities, we can do it free with reference for example.
  - At the moment there are few proposals.
  - Submission deadline could be extended to March 31
- **Program coordinator for the World Congress**
    - Jenny can do the role of the Coordinator.
    - Jenny: At the moment, there is no information about the Congress due to various lockdowns. It is expected the Congress would happen.
    - Enrico: any information about deadlines for contributions etc? Christian: The next deadlines are (see ISA website):
      - May 15, 2021: Announcing RC55 program coordinator to ISA secretariat
      - May 15, 2021: Submission of integrative sessions (involving 3 or more RCs / national associations) and Author Meets Critics sessions
      - May 31, 2021: Submission of RC session proposals (open sessions, invited sessions, joint sessions) on Confex platform
      - June 1- June 25, 2021: Program coordinator must finalize list of sessions
      - July 1- September 30, 2021: Abstract submissions of paper presentations via Confex platform
    - Jenny: RC55 members can start thinking about session proposals.

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- Christian: Not many people propose session proposals, therefore the Program Coordinator can encourage members to propose sessions to allow presentations.

## Membership

Enrico:

- Mixed mode conference to encourage members – free – to allow more people from abroad (notably from the Global South)
- PhD students specific program
- Mentorship program idea – welcome it. Contaminate our knowledge – could be good.
- Organize meeting to create membership programs –
- Dolgion: to take the lead to encourage members – and organize

## Communications

- **Facebook page** – share crowd production, and make live sessions
- Communications allow for feedback for researchers on their work
- Statistical conferences
- National associations in social indicators –

## Decisions

- Dolgion: How to spend the 1627 USD?
  - o Usually RC55 spend this for the mid-term conferences.
- Dolgion to send this information to members (proposal for RC55 mid-term conference 2023)
  - o Online meeting platforms in between conferences – for example a mentorship system, spread the word about thinking about mentorship, developing this system.
- Joonmo, Sandra, Enrico, Christian, Dolgion, Oliver
- Do business meeting without the ISA – during the mid-term Conference. Between different conferences.

Could possibly have a mid-term conference in 2 years in 2023 after the World Congress. We

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can identify the location and start planning for the Coordinator to use this.

- Potentially in Buenos Aires – Sandra
- Asia - Ming-Chang
- To reach out to members to ask who is interested.
- Prepare something to ask for proposals.
- Mixed way

Note taken by:

Dolgion Aldar, Secretary, RC 55

Note reviewed by:

Christian Suter, President, RC 55

### **3. IRIM Book Launch “Democratic Struggles in Challenging Times: Insights from Mongolia and around the World”**



Dear Sir or Madam,

Independent Research Institute of Mongolia (IRIM) is pleased to invite you to participate in the Book Launch “Democratic Struggles in Challenging Times: Insights from Mongolia and around the World”.

IRIM organized “[The International Conference on Democracy in the 21st Century: Challenges and Ways Forward](#)” sponsored by the [World Society Foundation \(WSF\)](#) in 2018. The Conference was successfully held with the papers from international scholars from 14

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different countries and Mongolian scholars and with representatives from universities, NGOs, donor organizations, government organizations, media, and independent researchers.

The papers have been edited and published as a book in two languages, Mongolian and English, under the name of “Democratic Struggles in Challenging Times: Insights from Mongolia and around the World”.

IRIM will conduct the book launch event in collaboration with [Asian Democracy Research Network \(ADRN\)](#), online by Zoom. The launch event will be held on July 6, 2021.

**TOPIC:** “Democratic Struggles in Challenging Times:  
Insights from Mongolia and Around the World”

- Date:** July 6, 2021
- Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Ulaanbaatar Time (UTC +8)  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Zurich time (UTC +6)  
11:00 PM – 1:00 AM, California (UTC +9)
- Moderator:** DOLGION Aldar & TAMIR Chultemsuren
- Language:** Mongolian (English synchrony translation will be provided)
- Virtual:**  zoom (90-100 participants)



## Agenda

<p><b>Opening speech</b> 10min</p>	 <b>CHRISTIAN Suter</b> World Society Foundation Zurich	 <b>DOLGION Aldar,</b> IRIM
<p><b>Book introduction</b> 10min</p>	 <b>STEPHEN Brown</b> University of Ottawa	
<p><b>Presentation #1</b> 20min</p>	 <b>BYAMBAJAV Dalaibuyan</b> Tohoku University	
<p><b>Presentation #2</b> 20min</p>	 <b>DELGERJARGAL Uvsh</b> University of Wisconsin-Madison	
<p><b>Overview of chapters</b> 15min</p>		3-5 authors
<p><b>Opinion sharing in relation to book topic</b> 5min</p>		ADRN representative
<p><b>Discussion</b> 20min</p>	 <b>TAMIR Chultemsuren</b> IRIM	Moderator
<p><b>Closure remark</b> 10min</p>	 <b>Bekhbat Khasbazar</b> IRIM	

## Registration

[Click here to register](#)

Registration form will be available until **July 02, 2021**



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